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**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPLEMENTING
AN ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE OVER THE PROVINCE OF MASBATE
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19 AND ITS EFFECTS ON THE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, upon confirmation by the Department of Health (DOH) of the local transmission of Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) in the Philippines, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte declared a **State of Public Health Emergency** throughout the Philippines pursuant to Section 7 of Republic Act No. 11332 through **Proclamation No. 922** in order *"to capacitate government agencies and LGUs to immediately act to prevent loss of life, utilize appropriate resources to implement urgent and critical measures to contain or prevent the spread of COVID-19, mitigate its effects and impact to the community, and prevent serious disruption of the functioning of the government and the community"*;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease issued Resolution No. 10, entitled *"Recommendations for the Management of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation"* which provides for the imposition of **Social Distancing Measures**,

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued an **Advisory** for **All Provincial Governors**, City Mayors, Municipal Mayors, BARMM Chief Minister, DILG Regional Directors, and Others Concerned" with the Subject: *"Compliance to the Department of Health Circulars and Advisories on the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) and the Declaration of a State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines"*, ordering all LGUs to, among others:

- *(1). Render full assistance and cooperation to affected families and members of the community;
- *(2). Utilize appropriate resources to implement urgent and critical measures to contain or prevent the spread of COVID-19;
- *(3). Mitigate the effects and impact of COVID-19 to the community; and
- *(4). Prevent serious disruption of the functioning of the government and the community*;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Office of the Executive Secretary, by order of the President, issued a **Memorandum** on COMMUNITY QUARANTINE OVER THE ENTIRE LUZON AND FURTHER GUIDELINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION, directing, pursuant to proclamation Nos. 929 and 922 (s.2020), *"all heads of* departments, agencies, offices and instrumentalities of the government, including the Philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), GOCCs, GFIs, SUCs and **LGUs**...*to adopt, coordinate and implement the GUIDELINES on an Enhanced Community Quarantine and the Stringent Social Distancing Measures over the entire Luzon*, effective 00:00 (12 a.m.) of 17 March 2020 and expiring on 00:00 (12 a.m.) of 13 April 2020", among which are:

- a. The continuation of the suspension of "classes and school activities" (Item No. 1);

- b. The prohibition of "mass gatherings" (Item No. 2);
- c. The observance of "strict home quarantine" (Item No. 3);
- d. The implementation of a "work from home arrangement" generally in the Executive Branch (Item No. 4);
- e. The closure (by implication) of establishments which do not provide "basic necessities and such activities related to food and medicine production" (Item No. 5);
- f. The suspension of "mass public transport facilities" (Item No. 6);
- g. The restriction of "land, air and sea travel" and the regulation of "accompanying crew or personnel of transiting cargoes" (Item No. 7);

WHEREAS, the implementation of the said GUIDELINES, indubitably, are already affecting, and will continue to affect, negatively the **earning capacity of families and members of the community**, such that the Provincial Government of Masbate, mindful of the **general welfare of its People**, is constrained to adopt such **"urgent and critical measures"** in order to fulfill its duties under the above-mentioned DILG ADVISORY, among which measures is the temporary suspension of loan agreements between lending entities and their borrowers during the duration of the current emergency and a reasonable period thereafter;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANTONIO T. KHO, Governor of the Province of Masbate, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Suspension of Collection and Payment of Money Loans. The effectiveness of the terms and conditions on the collection and payments of principal, interest and penalties of all contracts involving all loans of money between any natural, juridical, private, public, and/or government lending entities and any natural, juridical, private, public, and/or government borrowers, within the Province of Masbate, shall be suspended temporarily for a period of three (3) months. Consequently, notwithstanding prior agreements to the contrary:

- a. No such lending entity shall enforce collection of any payment from such borrowers during the said period; and
- b. The period or term of said loan agreements shall be extended accordingly.

SECTION 2. Work from Home Arrangement. All officials and employees of the local executive branches within the Province of Masbate, shall implement a work from home arrangements, except the PNP, AFP, PCG, and health and emergency frontline services, border control and other critical services, which shall ensure a skeletal work force.

SECTION 3. Transportation. Mass public transport facilities within the Province of Masbate shall be suspended.

SECTION 4. Duties of LGUs and the public. All persons, especially local government officials and employees and the above-mentioned lending entities, are hereby ordered to implement and/or comply with this Order.

SECTION 5. This Order shall be effective immediately.

Done this 18th day of March 2020 in the Province of Masbate.


HON. ANTONIO T. KHO
Provincial Governor